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For : IMPROVED RAPIDLY DISINTEGRATING TABLET

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel Claims 1-8, without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

-- 9. Improved multiparticulate tablet which disintegrates in contact with the saliva in the mouth in less than 40 seconds, wherein it is based on particles of coated active principle which have intrinsic compression characteristics, and on a mixture of excipients, the ratio of excipient mixture to coated active principle particles being 0.4 to 6 parts by weight, the mixture of excipients comprising: a disintegration agent; a soluble diluent agent with binding properties which consists of a polyol having less than 13 carbon atoms and being either in the form of the directly compressible product with an average particle